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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 18, 2007, Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-38 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added, and no additional fees are believed to be due. A Request for Continued Examination and fee have been concurrently filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusion appears on page 12 of this paper.